(c) World Bank and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) have funded Renovation, Modernisation and Uprating (RM and U) of Sharavathi Unit-1 to 8 (8x89.1 MW) and Sharavathi Unit-9 and 10 (2x89.1 MW) respectively. Karnataka Electricity Board has funded Renovation and Modernisation (R and M) for Shivasamudram (6x3 MW + 4x6 MW).

R and M of Shivasamudram project has already been completed. RM and U of Unit - 1,2,4,8,9 and 10 of Sharavathi has been completed. For Units, 3,4,5 and 7 Renovation and Uprating has been completed and works relating to modernisation is in progress.

[Translation]

Rural Management Institute

2771. SHRI KACHRU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rural Management Institutes have been set up in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of the districts where they have been set up and the functions of the said institutes; and

(c) the criteria for selection of districts for setting up Rural Management Institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Modernisation of Power Projects by PFC and CEA

2772. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation and CEA have taken up a Crash Programme to help State Electricity Boards for upgrading capacities of the old power plants by suitable renovation and modernisation;

(b) if so, the total number of power plants which need renovation/modernisation, State-wise;

(c) whether feasibility studies for the purpose have been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action plan worked out for the current year and the target set for each State in general and Karnataka in particular; and

(f) the names of contractors who have been entrusted feasibility studies, plant-wise and financial support/incentives proposed to be provided to SEBs under the Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f) Power Finance Corporation has not taken up any crash programme for upgrading capacities of old power plants of State Electricity Boards. However, it is supporting the on-going R and M Phase-II programme formulated by the Central Elecricity Authority being implemented by the SEB/State Governments during the 8th Plan period. This programme covers 44 power stations of the various power utilities. In order to extend the life of the old power stations which have served 20-30 years life by another 15-20 years, the Power Finance Corporation has also decided to provide financial assistance for carrying out life extension studies at concessional rates.

IOC Refinery

2773. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for the expansion of the IOC refinery located in Mathura, U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time likely to be taken by the Government for providing clearance to the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Unemployed Youth in Rural Areas

2774. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated number of unemployed in rural areas for whom the Ministry of Rural Development has been working out strategies for employment;

(b) the number of jobs generated during the current financial year;

(c) the amount allocated for the creation of such jobs;

(d) whether these programmes include employment creation for the educated rural unemployed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of unemployed as estimated by NSSO in its 50th round

survey conducted in 1993-94 are as follows :

(In Millions People)

	UPS	UPSS	CWS	CDS
Rural	4.712	3.575	8.204	14.315
Urban	4.283	3.914	4.934	6.046
Total	8.995	7.489	13.138	20.361

UPS - Usual Principle Status.
UPSS - Usual Principle and Subsidary Status.
CWS - Current Weekly Status and
CDS - Current Daily Status.

(b) to (e) The achievements under major rural employment schemes and funds allocated for the purpose during 1996-97 are as under :

	Achievements (Upto January, 1997)		Allocations (Rs. in lakhs)
Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY)	2610.12	lakh mandays	179000.00
Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS)	2212.42	lakh mandays	108447.39
Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)	1142680	No. of families benefited	54950.00 central share
Training for Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM)	199668	No. of Youth Trained	9025.00
Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)	539717	(Women benefited)	4680.00

The target group for rural employment schemes is generally rural unemployed. Educated rural unemployed may also avail benefits of these schemes.

Panipat Oil Refinery

2775. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 872 dated 27.11.96 regarding "Panipat Oil Refinery" and state :

(a) whether information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grabbing of Land

2776. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether land worth crores of rupees has been grabbed in Allahabad and Nainital with the connivance of the State Officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the persons who have grabbed the land as also the names of the officials who have connived with the land grabbers; and

(c) the action the Government propose to take in the matter to reclaim the grabbed land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Human Rights Commission

2777. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Human Rights Commission has recommended some measures to prevent the Government Servants from employing children below 14 years as domestic servants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether recommendations have been circulated to all the States; and

(d) if so, the time by which recommendations likely to become into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Human Rights Commission has recommended that an appropriate rule be included in the conduct rules of Government servants, both Central and State, which while prohibiting such an employment would also make it a misconduct inviting major penalty proceedings.

(c) The Commission has indicated that it is addressing separate letter to the Chief Ministers of all States with a request to provide a similar rule in regard to State Government servants.

(d) The recommendation is under consideration.